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Atkinson, Rick. *In the Company of Soldiers: A Chronicle of Combat.* New York: Holt, 2004. 319pp. (DS79.764 .U6A85 2004)

An imbedded author at the senior command level furnishes insight to day-to-day actions of the 101st Airborne Division march to Baghdad.

Bacevich, Andrew J. *The New American Militarism: How Americans Are Seduced by War.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2005. 270pp. (UA23 .B11 2005)

Professor of international relations, graduate of West Point, and Vietnam veteran—Bacevich warns of America's dual obsession with military power and imposing its ideology on the rest of the world.

Barnett, Roger W. *Asymmetrical Warfare: Today's Challenge to U.S. Military Power.* Washington, D.C.: Brassey's, 2003. 183pp. (UA23 .B336 2003)

The author, a retired Navy Captain and professor emeritus at the U.S. Naval War College, applies analytical rigor to his study of asymmetrical warfare and looks at how the United States can counter this form of warfare.

Barnett, Thomas P.M. *Blueprint for Action: A Future Worth Creating.* New York: Putnam, 2005. 440pp. (JZ1480 .B37 2005)

In this sequel work, Barnett, author of the best-selling *The Pentagon's New Map*, outlines strategies for putting those ideas into action.

Barnett, Thomas P.M. *The Pentagon's New Map: War and Peace in the Twenty-First Century.* New York: Putnam, 2004. 435pp. (UA23 .B337 2004)

Barnett takes a global perspective that integrates political, economic, and military elements in a model for the post-September 11th world.

Biddle, Stephen. *Military Power: Explaining Victory and Defeat in Modern Battle.* Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004. 337pp. (U163 .B53 2004)

Winner of the 2005 Colonel John J. Madigan III U.S. Army War College Staff and Faculty Published Writing Competition, "this book provides a systematic account of how force employment interacts with materiel to produce real combat outcomes" in regard to conventional warfare.

Boot, Max. *The Savage Wars of Peace: Small Wars and the Rise of American Power.* New York: Basic Books, 2002. 428pp. (E181 .B722 2002)

In this highly praised and provocative book, the author describes small wars in past U.S. history and provides lessons learned that can be applied to future wars.

Bunker, Robert J., ed. *Non-State Threats and Future Wars.* Portland: Frank Cass, 2003. 208pp. (UA10.5 .N65 2003)

Distinguished experts in the areas of national security and law enforcement examine the dangers of the current strategic environment, and they present methods and procedures needed to respond to new enemies and new threats.

Cohen, Eliot A. *Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen and Leadership in Wartime.* New York: Free Press, 2002. 288pp. (U21.5 .C65 2002)

In exploring the wartime relationship between military leaders and civilian commanders in chief, the author, a professor of strategic studies at Johns Hopkins University, analyzes the thinking and actions of four great democratic war statesmen—Abraham Lincoln, Georges Clemenceau, Winston Churchill, and David Ben-Gurion.

Coker, Christopher. *Waging War without Warriors? The Changing Culture of Military Conflict.* Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2002. 223pp. (U21.2 .C654 2002)

As he explores the historical development of warfare, the author explains how a warrior culture or ethos has been retained by many in the East but largely subordinated to technology in the West.

Collins, John M., with a foreword by Robert C. Kingston. *Military Strategy: Principles, Practices and Historical Perspectives.* Washington, D.C.: Brassey's, 2002. 333pp. (U162 .C64 2002)

A well-respected strategic thinker provides a comprehensive survey of military strategy.

Cook, Martin L. *The Moral Warrior: Ethics and Service in the U.S. Military.* Albany: State University of New York Press, 2004. 174pp. (U22 .C66 2004)

The author opens the reader to consider the moral and ethical questions of the modern army, the military power of the United States, and the current war on terrorism.

Cordesman, Anthony H. *The Iraq War: Strategy, Tactics, and Military Lessons*. Washington, D.C.: CSIS Press, 2003. 572pp. (DS79.76 .C56 2003)

Military analyst Anthony Cordesman examines the 2003 Iraq War and includes lessons learned pertaining to speed, jointness, intelligence, and precision.

Cordesman, Anthony H. *Terrorism, Asymmetric Warfare, and Weapons of Mass Destruction: Defending the U.S. Homeland*. Westport: Praeger, 2002. 448pp. (UA23 .C673 2002)

In writing about threats to the U.S. homeland, the author covers a wide range of issues including risk assessment, types of possible future attack, government planning, and lessons to be learned from recent major commissions on terrorism.

Crozier, Brian. *Political Victory: The Elusive Prize of Military Wars*. New Brunswick: Transaction, 2005. 225pp. (U21.2 .C66 2005)

Crozier looks at modern wars involving democracies to evaluate victory and defeat by the success or failure of political outcomes. He covers the two world wars, Vietnam, the Suez crisis, the Falkland Islands, the Soviet involvement in Afghanistan, the 1991 Gulf War, and the Western intervention in the former Yugoslavia.

Diamond, Jared. *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*. New York: Viking, 2005. 575pp. (HN13 .D53 2005)

Pulitzer Prize winning author, Diamond describes the environmental and social problems that led to the collapse of previous civilizations, but remains cautiously optimistic about our future.

D'Este, Carlo. *Eisenhower: A Soldier's Life*. New York: Holt, 2002. 848pp. (E836 .D47 2002)

This very readable biography shows Eisenhower's strengths and flaws—personal as well as professional—and presents an analysis and appraisal of Ike's military record.

Dobbins, James, et al. *America's Role in Nation-Building: From Germany to Iraq*. Santa Monica: RAND, 2003. 244pp. (E840 .A639 2003)

Besides being commercially available for purchase, this title is also available online at <http://www.rand.org/publications/MR/MR1753>. RAND corporation experts have earned high praise for this informative and insightful analysis of best practices in nation-building.

Dobbins, James, et al. *The UN's Role in Nation-Building: From the Congo to Iraq*. Santa Monica: RAND, 2005. 273pp. (JZ4984.5 .U531 2005)

Published as a companion to RAND's *America's Role in Nation-Building: From Germany to Iraq*, this study reviews UN efforts to transform eight unstable countries, and compares those missions with United States nation-building operations. This title is also available online at <http://www.rand.org/publications/MG/MG304>.

Franks, Tommy, with Malcolm McConnell. *American Soldier*. New York: Regan Books, 2004. 590pp. (E840.5 F73A3 2004)

In this autobiography by the former Commander-in-Chief Central Command, Franks brings the reader the story of his life as a soldier, statesman, and general.

Friedman, Norman. *Terrorism, Afghanistan, and America's New Way of War*. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2003. 327pp. (HV6432 .F746 2003)

Strategist and historian Norman Friedman writes about the complexities of the war in Afghanistan and discusses the network-centric pattern that was employed there.

Friedman, Thomas L. *The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005. 488pp. (JZ1318 .F63 2005)

New York Times columnist Friedman uses "flat" in the sense of a global "level playing field" where technology and other significant trends and events are reshaping lives, business, and politics.

Fussell, Paul. *The Boys' Crusade: The American Infantry in Northwestern Europe, 1944-45*. New York: Modern Library, 2003. 184pp. (D756.3 .F87 2003)

"...This book is not your normal, garden-variety memoir of World War II. In a series of essays dealing with strategy, tactics, and leadership from the landings at Normandy to the fall of Berlin, Fussell, a decorated infantry officer of the European campaigns of 1944-45, comes as close to the unvarnished truth as is ever likely to see print. ...This work is aimed at correcting the sanitized works of 'sentimental' history the war has inspired."

Gaddis, John L. *Surprise, Security, and the American Experience*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2004. 150pp. (E183.7 .G12 2004)

Gaddis focuses on U.S. history and foreign policy to give the reader a "persuasive account of the Bush administration's grand strategy and demonstrates the power of strategic analysis drawn from the American national experience."

Gilbert, Marc J., ed. *Why the North Won the Vietnam War*. New York: Palgrave, 2002. 254pp. (DS557.7 .W39 2002)

In this collection of essays, distinguished scholars such as Jeffrey Record, John Prados, and George Herring provide insights into the failure of American policy in Vietnam and explain the reasons behind North Vietnamese success.

Gole, Henry G. *The Road to Rainbow: Army Planning for Global War, 1934-1940*. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2003. 224pp. (U153 .G54 2003)

Drawing on previously untapped materials, the author explains the role played by students and faculty of the U.S. Army War College in the development of pre-World War II strategic plans.

Gole, Henry G. *Soldiering: Observations from Korea, Vietnam, and Safe Places*. Dulles, VA: Potomac Books, 2005. 255pp. (U53 .G65A3 2005)

Gole provides the reader with interesting and humorous vignettes from a remarkable military career spanning almost a half century, starting when he was drafted in 1952. It is "the work of a professional on small unit fighting, leadership, and the dimensions of combat."

Gray, Colin S., with a foreword by Williamson Murray. *Strategy for Chaos: Revolutions in Military Affairs and the Evidence of History*. Portland: Frank Cass, 2002. 310pp. (U162 .G73 2002)

The author uses three historical case studies in the course of explaining his belief that "strategy and RMA's (Revolutions in Military Affairs) do not vary in their nature, structure, and dynamics from period to period."

Hall, Wayne M. *Stray Voltage: War in the Information Age*. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2003. 219pp. (UA23 .H345 2003)

Analyzing the nature of knowledge warfare and how critically important it is to prepare for it, retired Army Brigadier General Wayne Michael Hall delves into the areas of information superiority, information operations, the art of deception, and knowledge management.

Hammes, Thomas X. *The Sling and the Stone: On War in the 21st Century*. St. Paul: Zenith Press, 2004. 321pp. (U241 .H16 2004)

Hammes explores the evolution and current practice of fourth generation warfare. He writes: "As the only Goliath left in the world, we should be worried that the world's Davids have found a sling and stone that work."

Herspring, Dale R. *The Pentagon and the Presidency: Civil-Military Relations from FDR to George W. Bush*. Lawrence: University of Kansas, 2005. 490pp. (JF195 .H26 2005)

Herspring looks at the relationship between military and presidential leadership from 1940 to 2005, and how it has changed.

Howard, Russell D., and Reid L. Sawyer, with a foreword by Barry R. McCaffrey. *Terrorism and Counterterrorism: Understanding the New Security Environment: Readings & Interpretations*. Guilford, CT: McGraw-Hill, 2003. 628pp. (HV6432 .H58 2003)

Two faculty members from the U.S. Military Academy draw on the writings of leading authorities to present a broad spectrum of terrorism issues—past, present, and future.

Kaplan, Robert D. *Imperial Grunts: The American Military on the Ground*. New York: Random House, 2005. 421pp. (U52 .K37 2005)

Kaplan takes us "onto the front lines with the new warrior-diplomats who use weapons, imagination, and personal passion to protect and advance the interests of the United States."

Keegan, John. *Intelligence in War: Knowledge of the Enemy from Napoleon to Al-Qaeda*. New York: Knopf, 2003. 387pp. (UB250 .K44 2003)

While providing a very readable history of military intelligence, renowned military historian John Keegan cautions: "Intelligence is the handmaiden, not the mistress, of the warrior."

Laqueur, Walter. *No End to War: Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century*. New York: Continuum, 2003. 288pp. (HV6431 .L354 2003)

A leading expert on terrorism examines numerous aspects of that subject, including world trends, underlying motivations, origins of Islamist fanaticism, and the battlefields of the future.

Lewis, Bernard. *What Went Wrong? Western Impact and Middle Eastern Response*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002. 180pp. (DS62.4 .L488 2002)

In this highly readable and controversial book, eminent historian Lewis tackles the reasons for conflict between the West and many in the Muslim world.

Locher, James R., III, with a foreword by Sam Nunn. *Victory on the Potomac: The Goldwater-Nichols Act Unifies the Pentagon*. College Station: Texas A&M University, 2002. 524pp. (KF7252 .L51 2002)

Here is an insider's vivid account of the long defense reorganization struggle that culminated in the passage of the Goldwater-Nichols Act.

Macgregor, Douglas A., with forewords by Rupert Smith and Robert H. Scales, Jr. *Transformation under Fire: Revolutionizing How America Fights*. Westport: Praeger, 2003. 300pp. (UA25 .M15 2003)

Macgregor offers a visionary approach to Army transformation, advocating many of the same ideas advanced by Donald Rumsfeld.

Matthews, Lloyd J., ed., with forewords by Jim Marshall and Frederic M. Franks; Don M. Snider, Project Director. *The Future of the Army Profession*. 2d ed., rev. and expanded. Boston: McGraw-Hill, 2005. 762pp. (UB147 .F87 2005)

Essays are categorized: The Study of Military Professionals, Officership and the Army Profession, The Expert Knowledge of the Army Profession, The Army's Military Technical Expertise, The Army Profession and the Army Ethos, The Premier Expertise: Human/Leader Development, and The Army Profession and Its Political-Cultural Expertise.

Mead, Walter R. *Power, Terror, Peace, and War: America's Grand Strategy in a World at Risk*. New York: Knopf, 2004. 226pp. (E895 .M43 2004)

Mead again furnishes a current analysis of American policy. Advocating a balanced foreign policy, Mead recognizes the challenge for the United States to "work multilaterally, but carry a big stick."

Murray, Williamson, and Robert H. Scales, Jr. *The Iraq War: A Military History*. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2003. 312pp. (DS79.76 .M87 2003)

Prominent military historian Williamson Murray and retired Army Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr. have teamed up to provide an excellent overview of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Nye, Joseph S., Jr. *Soft Power: The Means to Success in World Politics*. New York: Public Affairs, 2004. 191pp. (JZ1480 .N92 2004)

Nye views America's foreign policy as relying too heavily on using America's military power to have other nations do our will. He advocates more use of soft power, "the ability to attract and persuade," to help deal with critical issues requiring multilateral cooperation and to reduce terrorists recruitment.

O'Hanlon, Michael E., with a foreword by Strobe Talbott. *Defense Strategy for the Post-Saddam Era*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2005. 148pp. (UA23 .O342 2005)

Brookings defense analyst O'Hanlon provides a concise overview of current defense challenges and makes recommendations for the military's future.

Packer, George. *The Assassins' Gate: America in Iraq*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005. 467pp. (DS79.76 .P13 2005)

"Packer's first-person narrative combines the scope of an epic history with the depth and intimacy of a novel, creating a masterful account of America's most controversial foreign venture since Vietnam."

Paddock, Alfred H., Jr. *U.S. Army Special Warfare: Its Origins*. Rev. ed. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2002. 232pp. (UA34 .S64P12 2002)

This revision of a classic study provides the history of U.S. psychological and unconventional warfare from World War II to the establishment of the Psychological Warfare Center at Fort Bragg in 1952.

Peskin, Allan. *Winfield Scott and the Profession of Arms*. Kent: Kent State University Press, 2003. 328pp. (E403.1 .S4P27 2003)

Peskin presents a complete biography of Winfield Scott (1786-1866), who had a major role in bringing professionalism to the U.S. Army during his long military career (1807-61).

Peters, Ralph., with a foreword by Barry R. McCaffrey. *Beyond Baghdad: Postmodern War and Peace*. Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books, 2003. 337pp. (UA23 .P271 2003)

Known for his candor and persuasive writing, Ralph Peters takes a compelling look at the 2003 Iraq War and the strategic issues facing America and its armed forces now and into the future.

Puryear, Edgar F., Jr. *American Admiralship: The Moral Imperatives of Naval Command*. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2005. 647pp. (VB203 .P87 2005)

"The author presents a collection of insights and thoughts of senior naval leaders on why they personally believe they were successful leaders, their analyses of the success of other senior naval officers, and the role that character plays in that success."

Record, Jeffrey. *Making War, Thinking History: Munich, Vietnam, and Presidential Uses of Power from Korea to Kosovo*. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2002. 201pp. (E176.1 .R43 2002)

Record describes how presidents have used reasoning by historical analogy to influence their decisions.

Scales, Robert H., Jr. *Yellow Smoke: The Future of Land Warfare for America's Military*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2003. 181pp. (UA23 .S21 2003)

This book by retired Army Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr. provides a starting point for debate about 21st century warfare and includes "ten principles for the future" in meeting the challenges of ground warfare.

Taylor, Robert L., and William E. Rosenbach, eds., with a foreword by Perry Smith. *Military Leadership: In Pursuit of Excellence*. 5th ed. Cambridge: Westview Press, 2005. 184pp. (UB210 .M553 2005)

This fifth edition synthesizes the previous editions and includes some new material as well. Chapters cover the process of leadership, the personal interactions between leaders and their subordinates, and leadership values.

Ullman, Harlan, with a foreword by Newt Gingrich; afterword by Wesley Clark. *Finishing Business: Ten Steps to Defeat Global Terror*. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2004. 241pp. (HV6432 .U42 2004)

Washington Post columnist Ullman looks at the underlying causes and political motivations of global terrorism and describes ten concrete steps America can take to defeat it.

Weiss, Thomas G., with a foreword by Brian Urquhart. *Military-Civilian Interactions: Humanitarian Crises and the Responsibility to Protect*. 2d ed. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2005. 275pp. (KZ6369 .W231 2005)

Focusing primarily on the role of the United States, Weiss analyses humanitarian intervention and how it is evolving.

Woodward, Bob. *Plan of Attack*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2004. 467pp. (E902 .W55 2004)

An inside account of how and why President George W. Bush, his war council, and allies launched a preemptive attack to topple Saddam Hussein and occupy Iraq.